As we continue our Lenten Journey

Dear members of our school community,

Fast from resentment and bitterness.
Fast from judging others, Fast from complaining…..
Lent and hopefully take into our daily lives on a more permanent basis.
These things are really hard to do consistently for most of us,
but being aware of them is our first step.

Thanks to Mr Fonseca and the year 6 class for their wonderful work with our first MJR session of the year last week. All students were certainly engaged and enjoyed the session. The year 6 students are running a new initiative this year whereby we will be having MJR heroes. Students will nominate other students who they see performing MJR actions and we will display these fortnightly after the committee chooses one person to be the hero. I look forward to hearing more about all the wonderful God moments that happen at our school.

Last Wednesday our P&F meeting was exceptionally well attended. We were able to set down our events for the year and have cohorts commit to them. We were able to grant many items on the School Board’s spending priorities, which will all go straight into our classrooms.

Lynley Biancuzzo and Megan Dowling are taking on the footy tipping which is just around the corner. More information will be coming soon. But if you want to enter those of you with an existing account can re-register. Try and encourage a friend or a relative to enter. The more the merrier. People from outside our community are welcome to join.

Last week Miss De Winnaar, Mrs Christian and class teachers of students with special needs met with parents to devise Individual Education Plans for these children. From all reports these meetings were very well organised and a team atmosphere resided. Well done everyone involved.

Cricket training has been going well. Next Tuesday is our carnival. Well done to all our players who have been getting down to training. Good luck next week.

To add to our cricket carnival our senior swimming carnival will be next Thursday at Aquinas College for our year 3/4/5/6 students. This is always a great day and we wish everyone well. Training for years 4-6 students on Wednesdays and Thursdays has been going well and will continue next week.

Don’t forget next Thursday night at 7.00pm in the library is an information session for parents on Restorative Practice. This is a philosophy we will be implementing into St Benedict’s and this is an opportunity for parents to understand it. Please let Mrs Funga in the office know by this Friday if you will be attending.

The next day on the Friday is a pupil free day while the staff take the whole day to explore and look at how to implement Restorative Practice.

From next week we will be advertising for people to apply for 4 year old kindergarten for 2018 for their child. There will be an information session for all parents of applicants who will be new to the school on May 12. Following that there will be enrolment interviews with the principal, the applicants and their parents so that offers of position for 4k 2018 can established and 3k 2017. Many people have already got their applications in so it is imperative that people get their applications in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

We still a very limited amount of positions available for 4k 2017, but they are filling fast. So if you know someone who hasn’t applied yet but would like to send their child to St Benedict’s please tell them to download our forms from our website and get there applications in.

God Bless

Darren McDonald
Principal

“Pure honey, pure hospitality, pure trust. Would it be that we could all live like this all the time. No use waiting for someone else to start. The Higley’s didn’t” ~ Dewitt Jones.
Assistant Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

We are already nearing the middle of the term which is quite scary, the students are continuing to enjoy our new facilities and really getting involved in the projects that are starting to take off.

We had our first MJR session for the year. MJR stands for Making Jesus Real. At St Benedict’s we adopt this program through our upper year levels and in our whole school activities. Essentially it involves the children completing activities, which show them that living like Jesus is an action involving caring and loving behaviour in all that they do.

Twice a term the year 6 students are ably lead by Mr Fonseca in running MJR sessions across the school. Our first session was focused on our Year 6 students running get to know you activities. It was an excellent session and a highlight of the year for me. My special thanks goes to Mr Fonseca and the Year 6 students for their organisation and preparedness for the day.

At home you can continue the message of Making Jesus Real by highlighting actions which you see are linked to the way Jesus lived. If you have any questions about the program, please don’t hesitate to stop me at the school.

God bless,
May you all have a lovely week,
Ben Will

Little Bennies Blue News

Our Little Bennies Blue made it through their first week of full days! We’ve been enjoying a story called Grandpa, Grandpa. Grandpa likes to catch fish from the sea, so we decided to make our own fish. Pop into Kindy Blue to see them swimming on the wall. We love spotting spontaneous learning and discoveries, and we observed this when our clever kids found a huge pile of dominos, and began sorting and matching them.

Michelle Higgs

Year 4 21st Century

The year four students are embarking on an exciting new project where they are required to create a space suitable for reflection behind the Fire Pump House. Once the project is completed this area will be available to the whole school community as a place for reflection, prayer and Religious Education classes. This project will enable students to apply and develop skills in a real life setting. Some of the many opportunities available for the students through this project include:

- Further develop measurement skills
- Extend understanding of measurement
- Develop writing skills through persuasive texts and letter writing
- Create a greater understanding of sustainability
- Extend ideas of prayer and symbolism
- Exhibit creativity and possibly expose students to a different mode of art

So far students have identified the following needs for the space:

Shade  Seating  Comfortable flooring  Prayer focus  Art

We look forward to sharing our proposals and eventually our end product with the St Benedict’s community.
**A message from the Health Nurse**

**Parent and Family Network**

Child and Adolescent Community Health (CACH) recently launched the ‘Parent and Family Network’, an exciting new initiative to involve parents and carers in the planning and delivery of services.

The Parent and Family Network is an email network for parents and carers with children aged 0–18yrs in the Perth metro area, to provide ongoing input, ideas and feedback on our services (i.e. child health nurses, school health nurses, speech therapy, physiotherapy). All Network members will receive:

- Bi-monthly e-bulletins
- Invitations to share ideas and feedback on our services (i.e. surveys and focus groups).
- Invitations to special Network member events


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**Uniform Shop News**

**Opening time**

Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.30am.

New stocks of school hats have now arrived.

We have stock in all sizes.

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**School Fees**

Fee statements were posted out recently. If you have not received your statement please contact Mrs Moltoni in the Finance Department.

Please note that Direct Debit instructions from 2015 **DO NOT ROLL OVER** to 2016. Parents are required to enter a new payment contract each year.

If you have any queries regarding your statement, payment options or any other charges please contact Mrs Moltoni.

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**Sports News**

**ACSC Carnival**

A reminder that the Yr 6 Cricket carnival is this coming Tuesday. Permission forms will be coming home today.

**Swimming Training**

Please note there is **NO TRAINING THIS COMING FRIDAY**.

**Year 3—6 Swimming carnival**

We are eagerly awaiting the carnival next Thursday and have been training hard.

Notes are coming home today with information together with a tear off slip that all Yr 3 parents must return asap to their class teacher please.

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**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our website address is:

[www.stbenedictswa.com](http://www.stbenedictswa.com)

Our website is complex and operates best on the Chrome search engine.

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**Family Surname Visor Card - for drive-thru**

If you require additional cards then please contact Mrs Funga in Administration to arrange.
Santa Maria Guest Speaker Series presents

Melinda Tankard Reist

Wednesday 9 March 2016

Melinda Tankard Reist is a Canberra author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She is well known for her work on the objectification of women and sexualisation of girls, and efforts to address violence against women and is a co-founder of Collective Shout: for a world free of sexploitation.

FREE EVENT
Sponsored by Santa Maria College Parent Council
To register go to http://www.trybooking.com/184095

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CBC Fremantle invites you to attend our

Open Day on Tuesday 15 March 2016

Tours commence at 2.00pm and 4.00pm and provide a unique opportunity to see the College and meet some of the staff and students.

To register visit the College website and click on the Open Day Quick Link
Enquiries: events@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au
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